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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 10:30 a.m. Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, May 4, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee SB 651, SB 652, and SB 653:

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| SB 651 | (Booher) | Taxation; commercial forest; tax for properties enrolled in commercial forest program; create, and transfer into qualified forest program. |
| SB 652 | (Booher) | Property tax; exemptions; exemption for transitional qualified forest property; create. |
| SB 653 | (Casperson) | Natural resources; forests; withdrawal of properties enrolled in commercial forest program; permit without penalty for transitional qualified forest property. |

Senator Booher and Senator Casperson introduced the bills to the committee.

Matt Blakely and Rich Harlow, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified to SB 651, SB 652, and SB 653, with no position.

The following people testified in support of SB 651, SB 652, and SB 653:

Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Club.
Representative Ed McBroom.

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of SB 651, SB 652, and SB 653, but did not wish to speak:

Judy Augenstein, representing the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association, and the Michigan Association of Timbermen.

Mike Thorman, representing the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation.

Gary Owen, representing Weyerhaeuser.

Scott Robbins, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council.

Joe Hudson, representing the UP Bear Houndsmen.

Tim Dusterwinkle, representing the Michigan Bear Hunters Association.

The Chair laid before the committee SB 673:

SB 673	(Horn)	Economic development; obsolete property and rehabilitation; sunset on obsolete property rehabilitation act; extend.
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The following people submitted a testimony card in support of SB 673, but did not wish to speak.

James R. Ryan, representing the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Michelle Brant, representing the Michigan Realtors Association.

Jason Puscas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer Rigternik, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 673 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-4-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Yonker, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Somerville, Howrylak, Chatfield, and Glenn.

PASS: None.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:32 a.m.

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
May 11, 2016
1 hour 2 minutes

Date Approved and Signed